

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 23, 31, 39-40, and 47 have been canceled in response to the Election/Restriction requirement. No claims are amended, and claims 1-22, 24-30, 32-38, 41-46, and 48-77 are pending.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and are characterized by the Office as containing two patentably distinct inventions (*Office Action* p.2):

- I. Claims 1-22, 24-30, 32-38, 41-46, and 48-77 drawn to "processing collect callback calls" (class 379, subclass 114.21); and
- II. Claims 23, 31, 39-40, and 47 drawn to "processing collect callback calls with billing dispute of collect callback calls" (class 705, subclass 75).

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-22, 24-30, 32-38, 41-46, and 48-77 (Group I), and to cancel claims 23, 31, 39-40, and 47 (Group II) without prejudice. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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